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Seven female students in brawl

BY JENNIFER SEWELL
NEWS EDITOR

Seven female students were involved in a fight Feb. 8 at Nunn Hall, MSU Chief of Police Douglas Brown said. Brown said three roommates, two sisters and one other female, were part of two carloads of students involved. Brown said the disagreement occurred as a result of previous incidents the parties experienced earlier the same day.

Public Safety Officer Rufford Abner arrived at the location at Nunn at 1:39 a.m. as the fight ended, according to police reports.

Brown said arrests could not be made unless the officer witnessed the fight.

BY JENNIFER SEWELL
NEWS EDITOR

MSU Police Chief Douglas Brown said Monday that emails and rumors circulating on campus about a popular date-rape drug being available at MSU are false.

Brown said a Greek advisor informed Public Safety last week of an unknown student sending mass emails warning fraternity and sorority members about a date-rape drug that was allegedly stolen Jan. 31 from the Veterinary Clinic at the University Farm.

According to police reports, six vials of ketamine destined for the MSU veterinary clinic were stolen while the drug was in transit from New York to MSU.

Ketamine, an anesthetic used in the treatment of animals, has become popular as a date-rape drug in parts of Kentucky and elsewhere.



Kentucky State Police Detective Anthony Anderson said he is 90 percent sure the drugs were stolen in flight from New York.

Anderson said the package of substances were sealed with United Postal Service tape and UPS is looking into the disappearance.

Chief Brown said the MSU Veterinary Technology program has a good system for storing medical drugs.

"They require a signature for signing in and out as each substance is used and they keep the substances secure," Brown said.

Dr. Scott Randall, coordinator of veterinary technology, said ketamine is used in the clinic as an anesthetic for small animals and horses.

"It (ketamine) is nothing new. It's been around for nearly 30 years," Randall said.

According to the National

Institute on Drug Abuse website, ketamine is marketed in the United States and a number of foreign countries for use as a general anesthetic in both human and veterinary medical practice.

Brown said ketamine, known on the illegal drug market as "Special K," is potentially a date-rape drug and is used as a party drug on the streets of Lexington.

Although ketamine has a more rapid onset and is less potent, it has been compared to phenylcyclohexylamine (PCP) and is generally accepted as an alternative to cocaine, according to the NIDA website.

Ketamine abuse has been reported in many cities around the country. It has been reported stolen in Minnesota, Louisiana and Michigan.

In Miami, ketamine has been diverted from shipments intended

for other countries, according to NIDA.

The drug is widely available in New York City where it sells for about \$20 a dose.

According to the NIDA, three deaths were reported in New Orleans in 1998 and the Detroit Police Control Center reported six ketamine con-

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Meth growing problem for Ky.

Once an inner-city problem; now a blight on the region

Analysis

BY MATT ALLEY
EDITOR

In many ways, meth is the crack cocaine of the new millennium. Much like crack, which swept the nation in the 1980s and '90s, methamphetamine use has hit epidemic proportions in the past several years.

Crack plagued inner cities and the black community.

Meth is thriving in cities like San Francisco, sweeping across the Midwest and headed east. It has quietly become America's first major home-grown drug epidemic.

Meth was once believed to be an inner-city drug problem, but last month a Davison County man was arrested in connection with the largest meth lab ever found in Kentucky.

Meth is easy and cheap to produce, and much of which is imported - meth is easily manufactured domestically with common household items such as batteries and old medicine.

According to a recent joint Newswatch and FDA study, in 1999, more than a million Americans used meth in just one year, more than those who used crack and almost three times as many who used heroin.

The allure of the drug - also called crystal,

crank and dozens of other names - is energy, the sort of raw, unbridled, jump rush that comes from supercharging the brain with a dopamine high similar to a jolt of adrenaline - the same sort of energy that comes from doing cocaine.

But unlike cocaine, or even crack - which provides a high of a couple hours at best - users can stay high for eight to 12 hours or more, depending how they ingest the drug - smoking, snorting, swallowing or injecting it.

Though meth has been around for decades, the latest crisis has spread among white, 14 to 30-year-olds.

Kentucky State Police Detective Mike Goble said the age demographic according to the Newswatch/FDA study is accurate with the cases he has seen in the state.

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MSU escapes rising utility price increases

BY CARLA REDDEN
MANAGING EDITOR

Although prices for natural gas and electric heating have risen throughout much of the state, in some cases more than 75 percent, MSU has not been faced with such increases.

The campus, except for Lakewood Terrace, is heated by burning coal at the steam plant at Triplett Creek.

Physical Plant Director Joe Plank said plant prices have not been affected.

Plank said the university negotiates a coal contract each year and costs to heat the campus have not been affected recently.

"We could run into something in the future," Plank said. Plank said the cost of coal in the last contract increased 51 percent.

"We don't know what the coal suppliers will want for next year, but we'll expect justification for any increase," he said.

Plank said Lakewood Terrace is heated by natural gas.

"Steam lines have never been run up to that part of the campus because of the costs involved," he said.

Plank said steam lines go as far as Waterfield Hall.

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Photo by Amber Hale

Student Brooks Rexroat performs "Asking Why" during open-mic night last Wednesday in the ADUC Grill. The event is included in the Coffeehouse Series that began in December and is sponsored by the Student Activities Council. The series ends February 21.

Federal court rules against Napster

BY ALEX KINGSBURY
U-WIRE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A federal appeals court Monday handed a blow to Napster, the free online song-swapping service in use on countless college campuses across the country.

In its decision, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said Napster violated the law by facilitating its users to swap copyrighted material.

The court further ordered that Napster shut its 61 million customers from using its file-sharing software without charge. David Boies, an attorney for Napster, said the company would immediately file an appeal.

"We are disappointed in today's ruling," Napster CEO Hank Barry said. "Under this decision, Napster could be shut down—even before a trial on the merits."

Hiary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Associations of America, said that the ruling was a "clear victory."

"We look forward to getting more facts into the record. While we respect the Court's decision, we believe, contrary to the Court's ruling today, that Napster users are not

copyright infringers and we will pursue every legal avenue to keep Napster operating," Barry said. The band Metallica, whose members adensely opposed Napster, said Monday they were "delighted."

"The Court has upheld the rights of all artists to protect and control their creative efforts," said Metallica in a statement shortly after the ruling.

The U.S. Circuit Court directed the Napster case be returned to a trial judge asking that the injunction against Napster be rewritten so it allows the company to survive provided that it is able to police its users for copyright infringement — an action

Napster officials say is impossible. In the historic legal battle, Napster argued that it was not legally responsible for the copyright infringement of its millions of users. The company's argument relied on a 1984 Supreme Court case in which VCR makers avoided copyright infringement prosecution when the Court refused to hold the manufacturers and videotape retailers liable for individuals copying movies.

In the appeals court ruling, the three-judge panel said that the 1984 Supreme Court ruling doesn't apply to the online company, as Napster was aware that its users were violating the copyright laws.

Napster founder Shawn Fanning said he is looking to the future.

"I'm focused on building this better service and I still hope to have it in place this year," Fanning said. "The new technologies we are developing are amazing. I hope that, by further court review or by agreement with the record companies, we can find a way to share them with the community."

"If Napster file sharing is shut down," Barry said, "we will do whatever we can to work within the limits of the copyright law to provide our more than 50 million Napster community members access to music."

Kentucky State Police Detective Mike Goble said, according to reports he has read, OxyContin pills range from 10 grams to 130 grams, with 20 grams the most popular size.

Another law enforcement offi-

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Parking, water, issues discussed at SGA session

BY SARAH CLARK
STAFF WRITER

The major topics were discussed Feb. 2 at the regular meeting of the Student Government Association.

One issue concerned the timing of water in Nunn Hall.

Joe Plank, director of the MSU Physical Plant, said residents had complained about flooding on porches in the residence.

Samples of the water were taken for impurities and chemicals but nothing was found, Plank said.

SGA President Teresa Johnson said, "Five students (from Nunn Hall) came to me about the problem, and when I got five complaints, I knew more people who weren't saying anything about it."

Plank said students should watch for discoloration or particles in their water. If any changes appear, students are free to take a sample of their water to the Physical Plant office to have it tested.

Student parking was another important topic on the SGA agenda.

A parking proposal outlined at the previous meeting has been on the agenda.

The proposal, that would make changes in zones designated for freshmen and upper-class students, was approved by MSU Public Safety Director Douglas Brown.

The proposal is being passed from Public Safety to the Physical Plant Office in two weeks for funding approval, and then will be sent to Mike Minney for finalization, Johnson said.

In other matters, an intramural funding proposal was presented by Margaret LaFountain, MSU director of Intramurals and Recreation.

The proposal asked for \$4,700 for funding for 10 new breakaway basketball rims and indoor and outdoor volleyball nets, LaFountain said.

No decision was made on the funding request.

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Music students defend their right to practice late or early

As a student of music, I would like to respond to the article in the last weeks paper entitled *Student kept awake by band*.

First of all we are more than just a "band."

We are students working toward perfecting a craft just as many others do in their fields of study. I am sorry that any of us prefer to practice (which is one way in which we prepare and study for our 18-21 credit hours of classes) instead of sleeping our lives away.

I do however agree that noise should be kept at a minimum, but I am sorry to say that as music majors like me make the most out of the time we have each day, we understand why our building is opened there will be students practicing.

The building is open from 7 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. at which time Public Safety does a fabulous job in making sure that everyone is out of the building and the doors are locked.

Once again I am sorry that we like to stay on top of our studies, do not sleep over their lives and want to make something of ourselves. Most music majors are very devoted to their studies, which is something I believe many others on campus

METH, from front

Goble would not say if he thought meth was becoming a problem in Eastern Kentucky, but he said the issue should concern everyone because the drug is highly addictive and relatively cheap to buy and easy to manufacture.

Goble said college students should be aware of how addictive meth is.

Goble said he has heard of cases where students have become hooked to meth because they were using it to stay awake and get more homework finished.

"Before these kids knew it, they were

hooked and ended up in jail or dead," Goble said.

Meth remains remarkably affordable because the lasting high of the drug - which costs \$20 to \$60 or so for a quarter gram, a bit more than cocaine - is achieved with small quantities, which is why it is called "the poor man's cocaine."

Side effects of the drug can include nervousness, insomnia, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, changes in heart rate, abdominal pain and severe depression upon withdrawal.

"We've saved a lot of money heating with coal," he said.

Plank said that the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University heat with coal and supplement with gas.

"We're in a great location to use coal because we pay reasonable transportation costs, which can be expensive," he said.

Plank said the university is preparing to install a gas-fired boiler for the summer for heating water, since the coal-fired boilers are not as effective during warmer weather.

Plank said the university management major Jarrod Carter had been forced to pay higher prices for heating their off-campus apartment as the temperatures have dropped.

Carter said when he and his roommate first began heating their apartment they paid \$40 a month.

"This last month, we got a bill for \$115," Carter said.

"It really hurts on the budget, but I guess this gives us a reason not to waste money," he said.

Other students, including Junior theatre major Matthew Morpheus, have avoided paying higher heating bills by renting apartments where heating costs are included in the monthly rent.

Meth studies have found heavy users can not immediately quit the drug. They have to be stepped down much like heroin users. Without a proper method of "stepping-down" a user can go into shock and die from the withdrawal.

Because of lack of funding and community protests against having such rehabilitation clinics in their town, meth addicts must seek help from drug counseling facilities to wean themselves from the drug.

Patricia Rawls, director of River Park Hospital's Drug Abuse & Addiction

Treatment Center in Huntington, W.V., said community opposition to methadone treatment facilities in other communities will prove to be a fatal mistake in the long run.

"Without proper treatment, users will die and it could be a loved one who is dying like this by thinking that treatment centers are bad for your town," Rawls said.

She said if anyone is using meth they should immediately seek treatment and if someone knows a meth user they should advise them to seek professional help.

SCARE, from front

tacts in early 1999.

Brown said Public Safety has not had any reports of any date rape drugs at MSU this academic year.

But students should be concerned and watchful, Brown said.

Detective Anderson said if students have any unusual behavior, they should contact the KSP.

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complain about not being able to study hearing a music student practicing. Well, they need to realize that the world does not revolve around them and understand that practicing our music is studying in our. It may not seem coincidental of us playing at these hours of the day when people are trying to study or sleep. I am personally sorry for any complications. In conclusion, the people in Mays Hall need to be more considerate of us keeping up on our studies and making progress in our career goals. We are trying to make something of ourselves and if other people have a problem with that then they need to take another look at themselves and see if they are trying as hard as we are to get out of here.

Janie McCoy
Morehead

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EDITORIALS

Proposed parking plan would benefit all on campus

Many students say parking is a major problem at Morehead State University.

But a proposal recently passed by the Student Government Association might alleviate some of those problems.

The SGA's plan will divide all current "S" parking zones into two zones designated "F" and "U."

According to the proposal, the "F" zones would be for freshmen or students with less than 30 credit hours. The "U" zones would be for upperclassmen or students with more than 30 credit hours.

This parking plan is not entirely new but it is a good idea. Students living in residence halls specifically designated for upperclassmen should have parking near those halls.

Freshman parking is especially a good plan because it could serve as an incentive for students to push themselves to exceed 30 hours in order to park in more convenient spaces closer to their residence halls.

But freshman parking does not necessarily mean freshman will be forced to park at the ends of the hour. Some of the new freshman zones should be near freshman residence halls. The new zoning simply means some freshmen will have to wait their turn to be rewarded with better parking.

For all students on campus, parking is a privilege, particularly for freshmen. At several colleges and universities across the country freshman students are not allowed to keep cars on campus. So even though parking may be more restricted, at least MSU freshmen would be allowed to have ready access to their vehicles.

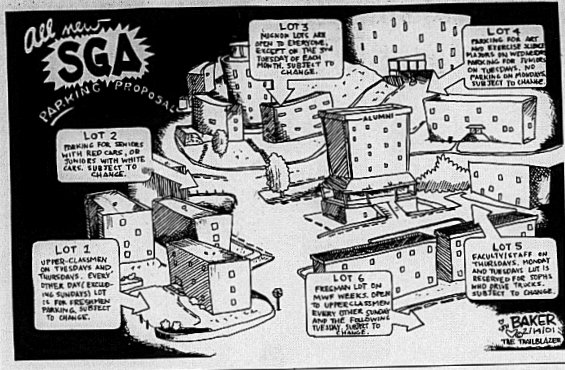
Students may wonder why, four years ago, parking was changed to the current plan. Student Government Association President Teresa Johnson said it was to alleviate student complaints.

But as all students on MSU's campus know, parking is still a major cause for grievance.

Reinstituting a parking plan like the one in place in 1996 would make many upper-class students happy and give freshmen an incentive to work toward.

The SGA should make every effort to enact the proposed parking plan.

E.M.



Valentine's Day — best day of the year

 BY EMILY B. MOSES
OPINION EDITOR

If I had a penny for every time I heard someone say "I hate Valentine's Day," I would be richer than the most overpaid administrator on this campus (act wise here.)

I actually feel sorry for Valentine's Day. How many other days of the year are talked about with such contempt and loathing?

I mean, how many times have you heard someone say, "President's Day is sooo depressing," or "Arbor Day really sucks!"

So what if your mom or dad is the

only person who calls you to tell you she loves you? Is that not enough to make you happy?

So what if you're the only person who bought you chocolates? At least you had enough money to give yourself a nice treat and you don't have to worry about gaining weight.

After all, everyone knows Valentine's Day is the only day of the year when weight gain is exempt. (I can't remember if I said that I made it up.)

The thing is, dear people, I do know it could be a lot worse. You know that was coming, huh? Well, it

could be.

You could live in a country that took more than a month to officially decide the winner of its presidential election. You could live in a state that badly needs environmental regulation. Or you could attend a university where the administration is more concerned about its image than its students.

Well, back to the point. The point is Valentine's Day is indeed a good day — one of the best days of the year. For all of you nay-sayers and pessimists who are still asking why, I will tell you.

It is another day to smile at a stranger. It is another day to hug your best friend. It is another day to tell your mom you love her. (I love you Mom.) It is another day to love.

Happy Valentine's Day!

But if that isn't good enough for you, keep reading.

It is also another day to pinch someone, hide and hunt eggs, wear a silly flag shirt, plant a tree, dress up in a scary costume, eat turkey and dressing and get presents.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Letters to the Editor

Reader disagrees with editorial

The opinion editor in the February 7, edition of *The Trail Blazer* asked "What are students complaining about?" in regards to the visitation policies but she offered no answers or solutions.

Students at Morehead State are adults, even President Englin acknowledges this weekly in his voice messages when he states that we are "young adults." Logically it follows that if we are adults then we should be respected as adults and expected to behave as adults. Adults work out conflicts that arise with "noisy neighbors and professed night owls."

The statement that we seriously considered by who work and attend this university is accurate. There are minor difficulties that need to be addressed as such as the mechanism for regulation of visitors. However, there are organizations on campus that are open-minded enough to hash out these issues such as SGA, RHA and the Association for the

Improvement of Retention. These bodies merely need time, intelligent input and the good will of the administration. The data that the opinion editor has already been collected by these organizations. And that data does not support the claims made by her editorial.

My understanding is that 24-hour visitation is part of a much larger plan in development. My contacts inform me that the plan includes greater safety precautions than are currently in place at this university such as signing in guests at the front desk and requiring a key for entry into the building at all times.

What Morehead State has now is unrestricted visitation with a curfew. This curfew has not managed to prevent rapes on campus as illustrated by the very same issue of *The Trail Blazer*.

Morehead is actually in the very small minority among Kentucky universities to completely retain a curfew. We also have one of the lowest freshman retention rates of the public universities in the state.

Perhaps the reason that students drop-out or transfer to other schools is the severe restriction on personal liberty that the curfew creates.

The editorial failed to research

the 24-hour visitation policy or the organizations hard at work on this subject. More vigorous research would have prevented the gross misrepresentation of the facts pertaining to the issue. Hard data would carry more weight than leaded quotations. Opinion editorials should present logical arguments and not merely attack with unfounded assertions.

Stephen R. Reeves
Mays Hall

Student defends story

As a non-traditional student in parallel studies, I would like to respond to the letter to the editor, "Student upset with layout," in the February 7, 2001, edition of *The Trail Blazer*.

Webster's Dictionary defines homosexual as: "of, relating to, or exhibiting sexual desire toward a member of one's own sex." This, in other words, would include both males and females — gays and lesbians.

The basis for the estimate of 20 to 30 percent of people at MSU being gay and lesbian was a statement from the president of A.L.S.O.,

Barry Reynolds.

As for the layout, I agree that someone, whether student editor or faculty advisor, should be more observant. One of the articles could have been run in a different edition of the paper or on a different page.

Barbara J. Waller
Pittsburgh, PA

Musicians say 'deal with it'

It is my opinion that if you have a problem with the music students practicing at what may be their only chance, then you must move out of Mays and find a place off campus or quit complaining.

We can't help if the only time we are able to practice is the late hours of the night and the early hours of the morning. We, like all other students on campus, are taking classes that require studying. In our case practicing is studying. Now if you can't handle it then move, if you can then deal with it.

Cecilia Beeler
Morehead

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CAMPUS COMMENT

Do you think changes in the current parking policy will alleviate parking problems? Why or why not?



Amanda Hoves
Sophomore

Ad PR
"Yes, something has to be done. You have to start somewhere and the policy changes are the first step."



Phillip James
Senior

Finance
"No, because students will continue to park wherever they desire regardless of change in policy."



Penny Gregory
Senior

Social Work
"Yes, if it will help the commuters. Otherwise I think it's a bad idea."



Travis Stokes
Sophomore

Pre-law
"Yes it will work. But the situation should be analyzed more."



Todd Burnside
Junior

Spanish/History
"No, the policy is not the problem. It's the number of spaces."

CAMPUS LIFE

Students' spending habits often leave them troubled

Students say a majority of their money goes towards shopping, eating, and purchasing entertainment items

BY GARY TACKETT
STAFF WRITER

Cash, Benjamin's, greetsback - the list goes on. Over the years Americans have come up with more names for money than Eskimos have hair for snow.

Money is the common bond between everyone. Some people have some, others have a little, but no matter how much they have or don't have, everyone wants more. But after they get their share of the pie, most will turn around and

give their money to someone else. Most students at MSU have this same problem.

Sara Ramirez, a junior communications major, says, "I've even taken personal finance and I'm still broke."

Ramirez says she usually spends her extra money on entertainment. "I buy a lot of CD's, or I'll get another piercing," Ramirez says.

New clothes and shopping spree at the local Wal-Mart, Ramirez says, take up quite a bit of her budget.

Nancy Hicks, a senior advertising/public relations major, says, "If I got a little money left over from paying bills, I like to go get some Chinese food."

Hicks also credits Wal-Mart and the Mustard Seed bookstore for taking a large portion of her money.

Some students, however, have other problems when it comes to handling their extra money.

Josh Mullins, a senior robotics major, claims he barely has enough money left over from gas and groceries to do anything.

"Right now I have six dollars to do me the rest of the week. And that includes getting gas to get me back home," Mullins says.

It seems being a college student has become synonymous with being broke. Nevertheless, some students find small ways to put some money back for rainy days.

Hicks says she has a small piggy bank that she puts her extra pennies in at the end of the day.

"I can't get them out when the piggy bank is completely full,"

"I'll buy a lot of CD's, or I'll get another piercing."

- Sara Ramirez,
Junior Communications Major

Hicks says.

With the shortage of extra money in students' pockets, some find more generous ways to spend their wealth.

Angela Aship, a junior interdisciplinary early childhood education major, says, "I like to buy small gifts and presents for my nieces and nephews back home."

Once again, Alisp credits Wal-Mart for the source of her purchases.

Several students have found credit to be an alternative to cash. However, credit cards have left some people struggling with debt.

Mullins says he has a credit card, but only uses it for special occasions and emergencies.

"You never know when you need an extra couple dollars to fix your car or buy a book for class," Mullins says.

Whatever a student's financial status may be, it appears that most have two things in common when it comes to money: not enough of it and Wal-Mart.

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Photo by Amber Hale

Graduate student Jared Maynard purchases some hit singles from one of his favorite places to shop in Morehead, Mainstreet Music.

Internet voting convenient for users, but technology may skew accuracy

BY CHRIS WITHROW
STAFF WRITER

The 2000 Presidential Election caused many Americans to question the electoral process.

Problems with old voting machines, the allegations of racial bias, and claims of confusing ballots have fueled the cries for alternatives to the current election system.

The concept of using the Internet as a means to cast votes gained national attention in the March 2000 Arizona Presidential Primary.

The idea holds if people have access to the polls from their offices and homes, then voter turnout will increase.

Many people like the notion of voting in their pajamas, but Government Professor Greg Goldley sees a number of problems with Internet voting.

Goldley points out the tremendous difficulty of proving that the person behind the computer screen is who that person claims to be. Goldley also has concerns about individuals hacking the system.

"What's to keep some hacker

from handing a few thousand votes to somebody?" Goldley asks.

The biggest apprehension Goldley has with Internet voting is the issue of access. He says a class bias is involved with technology and not everyone can use or gain access to a computer to vote.

Goldley says he feels there's

greater mess, and is potentially less solvable than dimpled chads. A power outage, server failure, and a number of tampering issues could provide serious problems for the electoral system.

Lewis said the real issues raised by the November election were overlooked in the media. He con-

tinued to say.

Even without on-line voting the Internet played a role in the Presidential election.

According to NaderTrader.org, a website dedicated to swapping votes between Democratic and Green Party supporters to get Al Gore elected President and Ralph Nader the vice president, tens of thousands of Americans traded their votes with strangers via the Internet.

Many college students want Internet voting since the trip home often seems too long to go vote when they have classes the next day.

Meg Gill, an MSU senior from Ohio, says she views Internet voting as convenient, but also feels that the technology remains unpredictable.

Gill says she voted in the November election via absentee ballot.

"It's not at all difficult to get an absentee ballot. You just have to have enough time," Gill says.

Gill says she would use the Internet to vote, but only if she did not have any other choice.

"What's to keep some hacker from handing a few thousand votes to somebody?"

— Greg Goldley, Government Professor

something to be actually going out and voting.

He contends that true electoral reform should include weekend voting, multi-day voting periods, and same-day registration.

But Goldley is not alone in his misgivings about Internet voting.

Government Professor Eric Lewis feels Internet voting generally constitutes a bad idea. He points out that technology could create a

tends the Electoral College is problematic at best and that the Constitutional provisions detailing what to do if no candidate wins a majority in the college is a "time-bomb within a time-bomb waiting to explode."

Internet voting may contribute to what Lewis sees as the election ritual gone out of hand. He feels the media's race to call the election first is fundamentally

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Students confess how they really feel about Valentine's Day

MSJ students say Valentine's Day is about the relationships that last

BY DEANNA LEE
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Someone once said "Of all human passions, love is the strongest, for it attacks simultaneously the head, the heart, and the senses."

And someone else once said "love quickens all the senses except common sense."

Love may only be a four letter word, but the meaning it embraces to all the different people who have and have not experienced it is sometimes bigger than life.

Valentine's Day is a holiday many students often look forward to. However, a large percentage of students do not.

Valentine's Day may traditionally be considered as the "couple" holiday, but many students say Valentine's Day means so much more than couples, candies, and roses.

Valentine's Day, many agree, is about relationships—real relationships.

Louisa May Alcott once said "love is a great beautifier." Many students may hold their own interpretation of Alcott's definition of love, but one student agrees that love is definitely a beautifier.

Megan Kellough, a senior exercise science major, says Valentine's

Day is not only a holiday for couples to share, but a holiday for all loved ones to share.

"To me, Valentine's Day is about anyone or anything that means something special to you," Kellough says.

Kellough says the most valuable Valentine's Day gift she has ever received is a gold bracelet with hearts and matching earrings.

"My dad is not big on giving presents or really expressing his feelings, but he picked out the bracelet and the earrings on his own, and it meant so much to me," Kellough says.

Kellough says the most significant Valentine's Day gift she has ever given to someone was a letter she wrote to her role model, her grandmother.

"My grandma can't hear well, so I wrote her a letter telling her how much she means to me."

"She's the best person I've ever known," Kellough says.

Kellough says she not only thinks of her family when she thinks of Valentine's Day, but she also thinks of her dog, Apollo.

"I know this sounds crazy, but I think of Apollo because he was given to someone by my fiancé," Kellough says.

Brendon Priest, a freshman education major, agrees with John Lennon that "love is the flower you've got to let grow."

Priest says although he has never

done anything profoundly significant for someone on Valentine's Day, he is doing something special for someone this year, his mother.

"I'm going to send her an e-mail, and a pair of gardening gloves," Priest says.

Priest says the gloves are a meaningful gift for his mother because she enjoys gardening.

"She has small flower beds in our front and back yards," Priest says.

Because he is away at college, Priest says this is the first Valentine's Day he will not be home to see his mother, who he is especially close to.

"She knows me pretty well," Priest says.

While some students immediately think of family on Valentine's Day, others think of the true friends they have made throughout life.

And some are fortunate to know what E. Joseph Crossman meant when he said "love is friendship set to music."

Glenn Peltrey, a senior business major, says Valentine's Day is a day for all significant others, including true friends.

"It's about knowing who your friends are and feeling that special bond that only true friends share. Valentine's Day is a reminder of

how lucky you are if you have just one true friend," Peltrey says.

Naturally, other students think of their significant other or, as some would say, their better half.

Sophomore art education major Laetic Stokes may especially understand Alfred, Lord Tennyson's quote, "love is the only gold."

Stokes and her high school sweetheart celebrated their two year anniversary on Sunday, just three days before this year's big holiday.

Stokes says this year she bought her significant other a deep-fryer.

"He loves to cook," Stokes says.

And what did Stokes get from her sweetheart?

"Toots," Stokes says.

"He gets me tools and I get him kitchen appliances. It's kind of backwards," says Stokes.

Freshman computer science major Steven Earley says he always looks forward to Valentine's Day.

"One year I bought my girlfriend a dozen roses each hour of the day and had them delivered to her at school, work, and at her house."

"Just call me Cupid," Earley says.

Earley says Valentine's Day is a holiday most people blow out of proportion, and he says he is definitely one of those people.

While some students understand Sinek's Lewis' definition of love as "the morning and evening star," others know all to well what Alfred, Lord Tennyson meant when he said,

"'tis better to love and lost, than to have never loved at all."

Senior music major Aaron

Bowling says Valentine's Day is just as meaningful for those who are single as it is for those who have a significant other.

On the other hand, Jake Eubank, a sophomore university student major, says he thinks Valentine's Day is actually just a silly holiday.

"I guess it would mean more to me if I was in a relationship with someone," Eubank says.

Eubank says he thinks Valentine's Day has lost its meaning because too many people have over-commercialized it.

"This Wednesday I will be doing the same thing I do every Wednesday—nothing," Eubank says.

Although Eubank says Valentine's Day does not hold any special meaning for him, he says he does remember the best Valentine's Day gift he has ever received.

"It was a card from my sister telling me how thankful she was to have me for her brother," Eubank says.

Valentine's Day, and thus, true love, have different meanings for different people. But no matter how or how people may define the holiday that supposedly celebrates true love, many agree with Ralph Waldo Trine that "love is everything. It is the key to life, and its influences are those that move the world."

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Television swamped with awards shows

Awards shows do not necessarily symbolize success

BY CAMI COOPER
STAFF WRITER

With the slew of awards shows in the last few months, one may wonder: Do awards shows really matter to anyone?

Many awards are based on the initial selling of an album or a song, not necessarily on content or depth of an artist's work.

The Billboard Music Awards' winners are given to artists who have sold the most records during the time frame of one year, as tracked by Billboard magazine's weekly charts.

That explains why an artist who has received very little critical acclaim can win "record of the year."

The American Music Awards, however, are based solely on public opinion as Americans can vote on their favorite group or song.

The AMA even added an Internet award to the show this year, in which fans were able to log on-line while the show was being broadcast to vote for their favorite artist or group.

"NSYNC took the honors this year."

Jen Szafra, a sophomore hotel/restaurant management major, says she does not let the outcome of awards shows influence her choice in music.

"I like music because it has a good beat or meaning, not because the song has won 10 awards. Usually, if it has won 10 awards then it gets played out on the radio or TV and I end up hating the song," Szafra says.

Siu Osborne, a junior electronic media major and host of WKY's *Americana Crossroads*, says, "To an extent music shows can influence listeners, but there are so many shows now that they have kind of lost their luster."

"There used to be a few key awards shows, but now we have the Country Music Awards and the Latin Grammy's, and then the American Music Awards, and so on. They really don't mean anything anymore," Osborne says.

Music listeners may not be easily influenced, but in the motion picture industry any nomination can dramatically increase the success of a movie.

According to Oscar.com, many film companies will re-vamp adver-

tisements and endorsements after a particular film or actor has received a nomination by the Motion Picture Academy.

The Academy consists of 5,700 voting members who, according to Oscar.com, "have achieved the highest level of distinction in the arts and sciences of motion pictures."

The members vote for all categories of the Academy Awards and the golden Oscar statue is given out to the winners. The Oscar are considered by many in the industry to

be the most coveted movie award show today and are certainly the most watched by television viewers.

Doug Osborne, who works at Wal-Mart in the electronics department, says he often sees a huge boost in movie sales, but the increase is not based on awards alone.

"Critical review or star power I would say has more influence," Osborne says.

Osborne says that since previews of the new George Clooney film *O Brother Where Art Thou?* began,

the electronics department has been swamped with people requesting the film, which has just been released in theaters and is not available for sale yet.

"Music sales don't really matter," Osborne says.

"Music will save even if an album gets a Grammy or not."

The Grammy Awards are like the Oscars in that voting members in the music industry decide the winners. According to the website, there are about 17,000 voting members.

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Students say choosing a major is something that takes time

BY DEANNA LEE

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

"What is your major?" and "where do you see yourself in five years" are questions college students frequently encounter. While some students proudly respond to such questions, others shy away from them.

Freshman nursing major Jeanna Hatfield says she will shortly be changing her major to early elementary education.

"Too many people think you should immediately know what you're doing when you come to college," Hatfield says.

Like Hatfield, many support the idea that students should experience college life and college classes before choosing a major.

"It's okay to have an idea of what you want to do, but you should take a few general education courses before jumping into a major," Hatfield says.

Hatfield says freshmen students

should wait for at least one semester before deciding on a major.

"So many things influence you to change your mind, or you realize how hard your major really is," Hatfield says.

Daniel Epperson, a junior

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—Jeanna Hatfield,
Freshman Nursing Major

accounting major, says he didn't feel pressured to choose a major as a freshman.

"I picked my major fairly early because I knew it was what I wanted to do," Epperson says.

Although he was sure of his major at an early point in his college career, Epperson says he feels many students are not.

"That's why so many students are changing their majors so much," Epperson says.

Epperson says he agrees with Hatfield that students should take their time when choosing a college major.

While Epperson says he feels communications, business, and music are popular majors among MSU students, Hatfield says she feels education and nursing are among the most popular.

Ethan Pfeiffer, a freshman education major, says he has thought about changing his major several times.

"I've thought about it, but I don't think I will," Pfeiffer says.

Pfeiffer says students should definitely consider their options carefully before choosing a major.

Stacy Ferguson, a freshman biology major, says some people tend to stereotype incoming college students based on their previous accomplishments or interests.

"People think that if you're smart you should be a doctor," Ferguson says.

Ferguson says she wants to establish herself more as a student before making any major decisions regarding her field of study.

At one point or another most students have felt pressured to consider a major, choose a major, or change a major. Major mishaps are something most college students know too well, and many may agree the best thing about a college major is not having one.



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Pre-med major Francisco Jose Flores and pre-engineering major Jose Francisco Mendez finish a long day of classes and work.

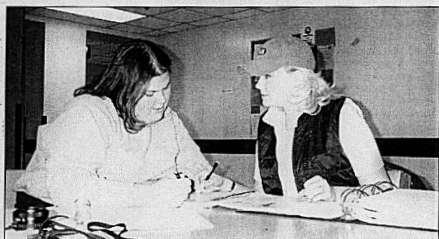


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Junior psychology major Beth Hackworth and freshman biology major Stacy Ferguson study together in between classes at Lappin Hall.



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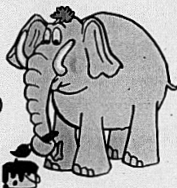


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Black History Month events focus on the arts

BY EMILY BURTON

ARTS EDITOR
Black History Month is a time to review black Americans important to history and science, those important to the arts and those important to MSU.

Director of Multicultural Student Services Francine Botts-Butler says, "Performing is a tradition in African-American culture. It combines oral history, dance and art. That's how the message got out about the African-American experience."

Events offered run the gamut of artistic genres. Several events have already been offered and many are upcoming.
On Feb. 18, the Third Annual Salute to African-American

History: Who are 17 Vigorines, with a performance by the Ron Hayden Group of Louisville will be held.

Botts-Butler says these vignettes are done game-show style, and questions are about well-known African-Americans as well as lesser-known African-Americans. The categories cover all subjects, from literature, to film, dance, poetry, history, education and art.

The Ron Hayden Group will perform during this program. This group is headed by Ron Hayden, an alumnus of MSU.

Tim Young, director of Distance Learning, says the group is comprised of four to five members and the group plays contemporary/fusion jazz. Young

says the group will perform for up to an hour and a half.

these men," says Botts-Butler.

This play is a fantasy of what it

"(Black History) should not be marginalized. It should be taught in the school system. It's not just February, it's everyday."

—Francine Botts-Butler

Director of Multicultural Student Services

Also scheduled is a production of "The Meeting by 7 AM Productions of Greensboro, N.C." It's a good play, and will give people a good view of what these two men were like, an in-depth view of

would've been like if Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X met.

"This is for young people, those born in the 80's and 90's. It gives them a view of what was going on in the civil rights movement. It wasn't one voice, it was a lot of voices and many different things," says Botts-Butler.

Also featured in this year's Black History programs are movie nights, on the 15, 19, 20, and 27 of February in the Commonwealth

Room of ADUC.

Refreshments are available during these films. An open discussion led by a moderator will follow each film.

Botts-Butler says Black History is not taught in public schools, so students of all races are not aware fully of African-American art forms that have an influence on today.

"African-American History isn't taught in the school system, or in college," says Botts-Butler. "Unless they are a history major, they don't learn about it. People should know these things, but they don't. They aren't taught. This is a way to let the campus community know what the African-American experience is like."

Botts-Butler says she chose the events held this year and she hopes the focus on the positive in African-American history.

"For African-Americans and non African-Americans, it will give

them a sense of history, who they are and what they derive from," she says.

Botts-Butler says people should take a real interest in Black History because, "It should open their eyes to the fact that other cultures do have a rich history. It should not be marginalized. It should be taught in the school system. It's not just February, it's everyday."

All events are free to the public. At events attendees will have the opportunity to pick up a free monograph on racial integration and African-American history at MSU. *Winning Through to Fame and Glory, African-Americans at MSU*, written by history Professor Dr. Donald P. Fiat.

Botts-Butler says she is always open to suggestions for next year's Black History, and Hispanic History Months.
For suggestions or for more information call Francine Botts-Butler at (506) 783-2082.

Voyuerism, competition lure many to reality TV

BY EMILY BURTON

ARTS EDITOR

Everyone is talking about them... Around the water cooler, in the classroom, on the street, their names are on everyone's lips. All across the globe they're a spreading phenomenon. Websites devoted to fans of reality television shows such as *Survivor*, *Temptation Island*, *The Real World*, and a plethora of others, have

gained worldwide attention, and earned a select few worldwide fame, and brought an even smaller few to the doors of wealth and opportunity.

Reality television shows often feature contestants competing against each other for a prize, whether the prize be money or the affection of a member of the opposite sex. These shows typically take place over a period of weeks and involve risk and heartache to the contestants.

Whether these shows offer money or love as the prize, they have become sensationally popular and their popularity continues to grow.

According to the Detroit Free Press, a reality show that rehashes plots from other reality shows, is now in the works.

Comedian, Kathy Griffith will star in the MTV series. It will feature Griffith doing real life tasks while discussing the highs and lows of the previous week's reality TV shows.

As to why people are tuning in to these shows, no one knows the answer.

Virtually no scientific research exists on the psychological reason these shows have become so popu-

lar. Charles Morgan, professor of psychology, says in his opinion the shows incorporate elements of voyeurism and competition into one.

Morgan says, "Reality shows do have a competitive side. We like competition where one person prevails and one person loses."

Morgan says this is not strictly an American occurrence.

Morgan says this occurs in all societies — more often in industri-

alized societies.

Morgan says the need to watch these shows for their competitiveness is similar to the competitiveness people show for particular sports programs.

Senior Melissa Greenwell says she watches reality television because, "It's a change from day-to-day sitcoms. In reality TV, you just don't know what is going to happen."

Greenwell says she is a fan of the show, *Temptation Island* and says she would go on the show if asked.

"I just want to go to the island with those single men. It would be fun," she says.

Senior Amanda Dutton says, "It's just fun to see how stupid people are; to see what they'll do to be on TV."

Dutton says she too is a fan of *Temptation Island* but she would not appear on a reality TV program.

Some question whether these shows are rigged.

On Feb. 5, according to a recent *Newsweek* report, *Survivor* a cast member Stacey Stillman, a 28-year-old attorney, filed a suit claiming her ouster from the show was en-

gaged by one of the show's producers, Mark Burnett.

In the article by *Newsweek's* Ana Figueroa, Stillman said, "He did it for the money. That's so wrong. People found the show enjoyable, but a fun fraud doesn't make it any less of a fraud."

Dutton says she believes some reality TV programs to be staged.

"Who would put that much on the line just to be on TV. I don't know anyone who would have every moment of every day recorded by a video camera. I wouldn't have someone taping me all day, so I tend to

think they're staged," Dutton says.

Recently, some religious and conservative groups have decried reality TV as addictive and immoral.

Professor Morgan says these types of shows are not necessarily addictive, but those people with a vulnerability and emotional needs that are unfulfilled may turn to television in general for emotional fulfillment.

Morgan says those already vulnerable to emotional dependency may indeed become dependent upon reality programs.

Junior Chris Wood says he thinks people watch reality TV programs because they wish they had the nerve to be there themselves.

"They want to see who gets kicked out. They don't really care who wins the money," Wood says.

Junior Monyka Burton says she thinks people watch. "For the mystery of who's going to win."

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XFL provides tasteless viewing



BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS COLUMNIST

When I heard the XFL was making its debut this month, I was excited—more football!

But when I watched the first game Feb. 3 between the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen, I was more than disappointed.

Apparently, many other viewers share my feelings because the XFL ratings dropped 50 percent in its second week.

Made for television, the XFL is a combination of professional football and professional wrestling.

The game itself is about the same as NFL football, with the "execution of a few rules. There are no extra-point kicks, no fair catches (but tacklers cannot come within 5-yards of the punt returner until he fields the ball), punts are live balls, kickoffs must be returned unless the ball is kicked out of the end zone, and an equitable overtime.

In the overtime period, both teams get up to four plays from the 20-yard line. But if Team A scores a touchdown on its second play, Team B gets only two attempts to match the score. Field goals can be attempted on fourth down only.

Of the XFL's eight teams, four own nicknames that imply violence or criminality—Rage, Enforcers, Outlaws and Hitmen. What does this communicate to small children watching at home?

The eight teams will play 10 games in a 10-week regular season. Playoffs start April 14 and end the subsequent Saturday with a championship game.

Quarterbacks earn a base salary of \$50,000 per season. Kickers and punters get \$35,000. Everyone else gets \$45,000. Each victory earns the winning team a \$100,000 bonus (about \$2,500 per player), and the league champs will split \$1 million.

The most annoying thing about the league is the interviews. The XFL is putting microphones, cameras, and tagging reporters wherever the action is—in the huddles, the locker rooms, the sidelines, the stands, you name it.

Vince McMahon wants XFL telecasts to show all, hear all and tell all—from the players' foul language to the cheerleaders' tacky dance moves.

They did have the good sense to make the field microphones on a seven-second delay, so they can bleep out all of the really bad stuff.

But, the deleters of the explicit language face the toughest job of the entire crew. Can they catch every single cuss word? I guess we'll have to wait and see.

How about the cheerleaders? The standard wardrobe is a provocative collection of black leather, Spandex and push-up bras.

Every man's dream.

The cheerleaders do not perform on the sidelines as traditional cheerleaders do, but on a raised platform. They don't cheer as much as they dance—the kind of dancing you might see in a dance club that wouldn't admit anyone under 18.

So, if you want to watch the XFL, watch at your own risk. For those of you who just want to be in the game itself, hit the media booth and expect the unexpected.

Lady Eagles earn second OVC win

Brown sets school record with 28 consecutive free throws

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State women's basketball team broke a five-game losing streak Saturday night with their second Ohio Valley Conference win of the season against Tennessee State University in Nashville.

The Lady Eagles took the 47-46 lead with 17:20 remaining in the second half when sophomore guard Trevece Turner sank a trey.

TSU regained the lead with 15:19 left to play when Taurus Pyles connected on a layup to take the 52-51 advantage.

With 11:19 left in the game, Turner nailed a three-pointer to give MSU the 64-52 lead.

TSU's Angel Hassell narrowed the Lady Eagles' lead to four with 4:40 remaining when she connected on a basket.

The Lady Eagles would go on to

hit 11 free throws to take the 93-78 win.

All five starters for MSU scored in double figures. Turner led the squad with a career-high 27 points. Freshman forward Kandil Brown registered 18 points and seven rebounds, junior center Tasha Gales tallied 15 points and 10 boards, freshman forward Jodi Sizemore had 16 points and grabbed five rebounds, and junior guard Amy Spear added 13 points, seven assists and five steals.

Brown hit both of her free throw attempts and has now hit a school-record 28 in a row from the charity line.

Hassell led TSU with 20 points, LaRissa Thomas tallied 13 points, and Tamara Washington added 10.

The Lady Eagles shot 91.3 percent from the free throw line, while TSU shot 78.6 percent.

MSU connected on 33-of-46 (54.1 percent) from the floor and TSU made 24-of-79 (31.6 percent).

MSU's 93 points was the most scored this season for the Lady



Tasha Gales

Eagles.

Two days earlier in Clarksville, Tenn., the Lady Eagles fell 83-80 in a tough battle against Austin Peay State University.

Austin Peay had the 46-35 going into the half.

APSU's biggest lead of the sec-

ond half was 11 with 18:58 left to play.

But Sizemore tied the game at 65 with 8:02 remaining when she sank a free throw shot.

APSU had the lead for the entire second half until Gales tallied a basket with 31 seconds left in the game to put the Lady Eagles on top 80-79.

But the Lady Governors ended the game with a put-back basket, a steal and a pair of free throws to score the final four points.

Sizemore and Brown led the Eagles with 16 points, respectively. Gales added 13 points and eight rebounds, Turner tallied 10 points and grabbed six boards, and Spear registered eight points, nine assists and seven steals.

Turner was named OVC Newcomer of the Week for Feb. 12. Turner has reached double figures in 15 of 17 games this season.

Turner also led the team in scoring

with 18 points in a 99-78 loss to Eastern Kentucky last Monday and contributed 10 points and six rebounds in the close loss to Austin Peay. For the week, Turner averaged 18.3 points and 40 rebounds a game while shooting 47.6 percent from the field (46.2 percent from three-point range) and 75 percent from the free throw line.

The Lady Gals were led by forward Brooke Armstrong who scored a career high 36 points. Forward Jocelyn Duke added 16 points, center Gerionda Hardin tallied 11 points, and guard Kelly Chavez registered 10.

The Lady Eagles shot 55.9 percent (3-of-5) from the floor while the Lady Gals shot 42.9 percent (3-of-7).

The Lady Eagles (6-17, 2-10 OVC) will host OVC foes Murray State Thursday and Tennessee State Saturday.

Eagles drop pair of OVC games on road

Freshman forward Ricky Minard is named OVC Rookie of the Week for his performances in past two conference games.

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Eagle basketball team dropped two Ohio Valley Conference road games this past week.

On Thursday night in Clarksville, Tenn., OVC second-ranked Austin Peay (18-7, 9-4 OVC) led from the start in an 80-66 win over Morehead.

APSU's starting forward Trenton Hassell made 9-of-10 field goals including 4-of-5 three-pointers for a game-high 24 points. Hassell also grabbed six rebounds.

Collectively, the Governors made 30-of-54 field goals (55.6 percent), 6-of-18 from the perimeter (33.3 percent), and 14-of-17 from the charity line (82.4 percent).

MSU only shot 44.2 percent from the field (23-of-52) and 68.4 percent from the free-throw line (13-of-19).

Eagle forward Kyle Umberger led the Eagles with 16 points and six rebounds.

The Eagles moved on to

Nashville, Tenn. Saturday night to face Tennessee State (9-16, 6-7 OVC) and were defeated 89-69.

Tennessee State took the lead in an 89-69 win for the Tigers and took over fifth place from the Eagles in the conference standings.

TSU hit 34-of-53 field goals (64.2 percent), 6-of-14 three-pointers (42.9 percent), and 15-of-22 from the foul-line (68.2 percent).

The Eagles made just 24-of-48 field goals (50 percent) hitting only 3-of-17 three-pointers (17.6 percent). They made 18-of-26 free-throws (69.2 percent).

On the OVC ladder, MSU (11-12, 5-7 OVC) stands in sixth place tied with the University of Tennessee—Martin.

On a positive note for the Eagles, freshman forward Ricky Minard has been named OVC Rookie of the Week for Feb. 12.

Minard contributed 47 points, 11 rebounds and six steals in Morehead's last three road games, despite playing with a painful thigh bruise.

In the Eagles' win over Eastern Kentucky last Monday, Minard sent the game into overtime with a three-pointer and then scored nine of MSU's 14 points in the extra

period to seal the victory. Minard, who shot 40 percent from three-point range and 71 percent from the line last week, has scored in double figures in all 23 games this year.

The Eagles host fourth-ranked Murray State (13-10, 8-4 OVC) Thursday night and UTM (10-13, 5-7 OVC) Saturday night at Johnson Arena.

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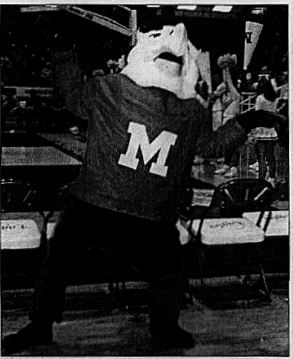


Photo by Jennifer Sewell

Breaker shows off his moves at the Eagle's game Feb. 1 against Tennessee Tech. MSU will host Ohio Valley Conference foes Murray State Thursday and the University of Tennessee—Martin Saturday.

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Tennis team beats Marshall in season opener

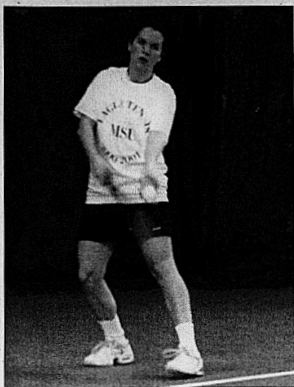


Photo by Greg Dawkins

Lady Eagle Isabelle Soucy warms up for her match Saturday against Marshall University in Huntington. MSU lost its opener to the Herd, 6-1. The only win for the Lady Eagles came from Julie Ryan.

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

Morehead State's Lady Eagle tennis team lost their season opener to Marshall University in Huntington, W.V. Saturday.

Marshall, the Mid-American Conference Champions, won the dual-match 6-1.

Marshall's Herd got off to a good start with wins in the two doubles matches, 8-2, respectively.

The only win for MSU came from number two Julie Ryan, who went the distance to take the match against Anna Caretta 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

According to Head Coach Nik DeVore, it was Ryan's best match of her collegiate career.

"There is no limit to what Julie can do when she controls her emotions and plays intelligently," said DeVore.

In the top position, the Herd's Anna Mitina defeated Karla Zaldo 6-1, 6-1.

At number three singles, Marshall's Alice Sukner won 6-4, 6-0 against sophomore Isabelle Soucy.

Lady Eagles Tondal Chingoka and Marisa Richelle lost to their respective opponents 6-2, 6-0 in the number four and five positions.

DeVore said that the women played well in their first match against a high-caliber side.

"You have nothing to lose when you play a team that has almost

three times the athletic scholarships that you do," DeVore said.

On Sunday, the men's tennis

defeated Drew Fairhurst (BU) 6-2, 7-5.

MSU's Eduardo Richelle

"You have nothing to lose when you play a team that has almost three times the athletic scholarships that you do."

—MSU Tennis Head Coach Nik DeVore

team traveled to Louisville, Ky. and defeated Bellarmine University.

The Eagles waggled up the match 9-0 against the NCAA Division II side.

Catch DeVore said the match was much closer than the final score might indicate.

"We still have a lot of difficulty getting up for the matches we are supposed to win on paper," DeVore said.

"When you are showing more intensity and focus in practice than you are in a match, it's a problem," said DeVore.

At the number one position, Eagle Santiago Sahagan took three sets to defeat Brandon Campbell (5-7, 6-2, 6-1).

Sophomore Bennie Schmid cruised past BU's Kyle Olsen 6-0, 6-1.

Lahiru Jayasuriya (MSU)

remains undefeated (4-0) with a win over Josh Huff 6-4, 6-2.

Freshmen Akhilin Gido won 6-1, 6-0 against Mark Gerard.

Junior Greg Dawkins defeated

BU's Stuart Dillster 6-2 in the third set.

Morehead's Schmid and Gido defeated Campbell and Olsen 8-5. Dawkins and Jayasuriya won 8-5 against Fairhurst and Huff. Sahagan teamed up with freshman Alejandro Torres to defeat Dillster and Kevin Combs 8-3.

The Lady Eagles go on the road to Richmond, Ky. to play three dual-matches against Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky and Xavier this weekend.

The men's team return to action Feb. 24 against the University of Dayton.

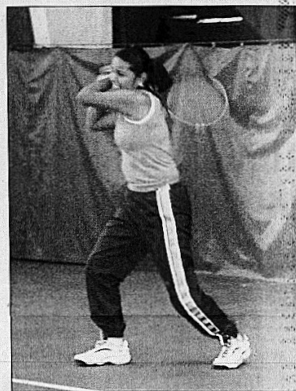


Photo by Greg Dawkins

Karla Zaldo prepares for her tennis match in Huntington Saturday against Marshall University. MSU will travel to Richmond this weekend to play three dual matches.

Rauch finishes successful year in professional and Olympic baseball

BY GREG DAWKINS
STAFF WRITER

Former Morehead State baseball player Jon Rauch ended a successful year in 2000 as an Olympic gold medalist and being named *Baseball America's Minor League Player of the Year*.

In Sydney, Australia, the United

States baseball team, which was coached by manager Tommy Lasorda, upset the more favored

Cuba 4-0 in the gold medal game. In a previous game against South Africa, Rauch had 13 strikeouts in an 11-1 victory in just 6 1/2 innings.

The Chicago White Sox farm-

hand played for Class A Winston-Salem Warthogs and Class AA

Birmingham Barons in 2000 with a total 2.66 ERA and 187 strikeouts. For the Warthogs, the Westport, Ky. native was 11-3 and as a Baron 5-1. Not since Frank Thomas in 1990 has a White Sox minor-league received the player of the year

award.

According to the baseballamerica.com web site, Rauch is the White Sox's top prospect.

However, he is more than likely to start the season with Birmingham on April 5. Then a promotion to Class AAA with Charlotte looks imminent.



Photo by Paul Dawkins

Former MSU baseball hurler Jon Rauch signed an autograph for a fan after an Olympic game in Sydney, Australia last fall. Rauch was a member of the USA Olympic Team coached by Tommy Lasorda.

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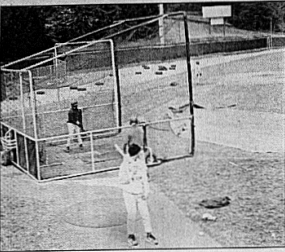


Photo by Jay Howard

Sophomore Adam Crawford hits ground balls to the infielders during Eagle baseball practice Saturday afternoon. Head Coach John Jarnigan said the team has been practicing six days a week since Jan. 16. The Eagles have been able to practice outside even with the weather being so cold.

BY JENNIFER BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Morehead State baseball Eagles will host their season opener this Saturday against Spalding University.

According to Head Coach John Jarnigan, the Eagles have been practicing every day since Jan. 16, six days a week. He said they have gotten to practice outside a lot more this year even though it has been so cold.

"We have a much better pitching staff this year," Jarnigan said. "I think that will be the key to our season."

The Eagles return top pitchers senior right hander Eddy Bushelman, junior right hander Rick Lowe, and sophomore right hander Chad Parsons.

"We are a very young squad this year," Jarnigan said. "With such a young squad, you just kind of have to hear it a little. But, I think they will be good."

The Eagles will also rely on sophomore right hander Adam Crawford, senior left hander Shawn

Hall, sophomore left hander Luke Lockwood, sophomore right hander Larry Robinson, sophomore right hander Matt Skole, and sophomore right hander Ryan Terrell.

Robinson will be out for a little while, recovering from an appendectomy.

Newcomers on the pitching staff are freshman left hander Trifton Callos, freshman right hander Casey Campbell, freshman left hander Carson Capps, freshman right hander Scott LeMonds, and freshman right hander Justin Seiler.

The outfield will consist of sophomores Andy Foster and Roy Gentry, freshman Casey Gilvin, junior Brandon Hignite, and sophomore Cary Page.

The infield will consist of junior first baseman Will Renaker, senior second baseman Jimmy Mains, freshman short stop David Hughes, and sophomore third baseman Kevin Mutzke.

Senior catcher Thad Kingsolver will be behind the plate for MSU. The team consists of 31 members, including 11 newcomers.

Hall, Kingsolver, and Mains are the only three seniors on the team this season.

"I'm real upbeat about this season," Jarnigan said. "I really like our chances. We return five .300 hitters and that makes us feel good."

Jarnigan said some of their toughest games this season will come from the University of Kentucky, the University of

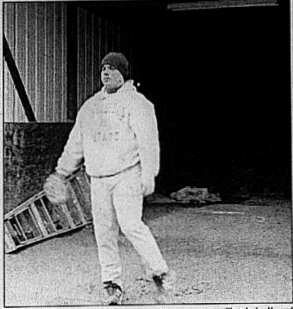


Photo by Jay Howard

Eagle sophomore pitcher Luke Lockwood practices his pitches in the MSU bullpen during practice Saturday. The Eagles will host their season opener this Saturday against Spalding University at 2 p.m. They will host Shawnee State Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tennessee, and Ohio Valley think they will be fun to watch." Jarnigan said he doesn't know what to expect from the team until they play their first game this weekend.

The Eagles will host Spalding on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Shawnee State Sunday at 2 p.m.

Illinois basketball team having ball off-court

BY TOM WARD
Badger Herald, U. Wisconsin
LIVINGS

MADISON, Wis.—If you're wandering around at 10 p.m. or so in Savoy Hall on the Illinois campus in Champaign some Saturday night, there's a distinct possibility you might have a run-in with a gang of 14 guys—10 of whom weigh more than 200 pounds and stand at least 6-foot-3.

They call themselves the Fighting Illini. Those familiar with the college basketball landscape in 2001 know them as the No. 4 team in the country—the most feared team in the Big Ten right now.

Cory Bradford, one of the leaders of the gang, defended the scary reputation, saying that his boys are just a bunch of fun-loving guys.

"Usually we'll all meet up at the apartments first just to chill and get together, see who is driving, and joke around, play some video games, do whatever," Bradford said. "Then we'll all go out to the bars and just have some fun."

Sergio McClain understands that some people might be intimidated by the bigger guys on his team, but said that he likes to be approached.

"I'm very open," Sergio said. "Anybody can come up to me. I'll talk to them. I'm just more of a people I really know. People think I'm crazy and things of that nature because of my hair or just style that, but I'm a cool cat."

The self-proclaimed "cool cat" then slipped in a bit of advice for any nearby Kitties.

"For future reference, I would have to tell the women on campus that they should be more aggressive," said McClain.

Damir Krupaljia echoed McClain's sentiments and added that he is happy to talk to the ladies who muster up the courage to talk to him.

"Every now and then [some girls will] stop by and we'll have a conversation," Krupaljia said.

After elaborating on his idea of the perfect girl, McClain elected to retract his statement, stating that he is currently involved.

As for Krupaljia, the only reason the Bosnian "batter" held his tongue was because he didn't want to rule anyone out just yet.

"I'll let you know when I see her," Krupaljia said of his perfect girl. "I don't want to describe anything."

With all the success that the Yugoslavian-born Krupaljia has found on the court and with the ladies, he humbly admits he isn't perfect, citing the English language as his weakness.

"I didn't get used to saying the word 'the,'" Krupaljia said. "I didn't see any purpose for it, so I would just ignore it and [my teammates] would pick on it all the time, but I am getting better. I think."

Like Krupaljia, Brian Cook catches a lot of slack from the guys

despite his brilliant performances on the hardwood this season.

"I'm probably the stupid one," the good-natured Cook joked. "[I'm] always saying all the stupid stuff and trying to make people laugh. [As a team], we're always joking around."

The collective jesting even extends to warm-ups. If you show up early enough for their home games, you might catch Lucas Johnson attempting to reject teammate Nate Mast during lay-up drills.

"That's a little something we have going," Johnson said. "I've never really blocked [out] yet, but I think one of these days I'm gonna pin him on the glass and show him up in front of everybody."

As all the action flashes around a team unaccustomed to holding a top 10 RPI rating and even higher national rankings, a confident Marcus Griffin stands in the middle flashing his pearly whites right back.

"I try to be more of the vocal leader," the starting center said. "I'm the one on the court that you always see smiling, so I think I'm [one of] the more laid-back [guys] on the team."

Unbeknownst to most, the 6-foot-9, 235-pounder known as the calm in the middle of the Illini

storm is a product of Lincoln Junior College.

"[He] helped me grow as a basketball player—finding my way to score, doing a lot of things on the court, and it just helped me as an individual because I grew a lot more responsible, coming from a junior college," said Griffin. "I was a big kid coming out of high school—I still am a kid—but I think I got a lot more responsible."

With Griffin's leadership in the gang, the team appears to be in good hands. But the boys still had a lot to say about their new mentor on the sideline.

After some controversy, they came up with two major differences between former Illini head coach Lon Kruger and his successor Bill Self: fashion and attitude.

Johnson trails off describing the discrepancy between the two.

"Well, I have actually seen coach Self in a tie," Johnson said while laughing.

McClain, however, focused on the latter disparity.

"You just look at coach Self, I mean, when you see him on the street or something, he's just got that walk going," McClain said. "He's just a cool cat."

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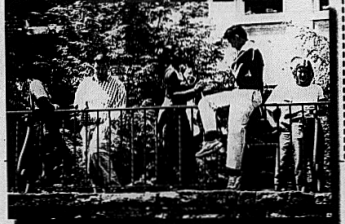


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